The fourth floor pool has always been an oasis for students to relax and wash the stresses of life away. That is… until recently.

On the seemingly peaceful day of February 24th 2012, three students: Winston Conrad, Connor Pool, and Sean Balbirnie, decided to take a dip in the fourth floor pool. Little did these students know it would nearly become the last swim of their young lives.

All three students excel in the classroom, but miserably failed swim school when they were younger. This failure was not a recipe for success.

The three young men decided to play it safe and wear floaties, but they would prove useless in the pool. The three of them did not realize that floaties are designed for children ages six and under. This mistake almost cost them their lives.

“I thought floaties were meant for all ages, I didn’t know they were just for toddlers. I think someone needs to design arm floaties for all ages” said Conrad.

The three of them began to sink immediately after jumping into the pool, and no one was around to hear them screaming for help. The boys started frantically doggy paddling and attempted to grab anything they could to stay above water.

“It was like I was in quicksand, I thought I was never going to get out of that pool; my entire life flashed before my eyes” said Pool.

The three of them would be dead today if it weren’t for the heroics of junior sensation Ryan Barkley.

“I heard a very faint scream coming from the 4th floor while I was eating across the street at McDonalds, thank goodness I have a superhuman ability to hear things that are very far away” said Barkley.

Barkley immediately sprung into action and rescued all three fellow students, with one arm… without spilling his McDonald’s sweet tea. Because of his heroics, Barkley was awarded unlimited access to the fourth floor pool and its complimentary designer bottled water.

“I’m excited to have full time access to the lovely fourth floor pool, plus the spa water is delicious and refreshing” said Barkley.

The pool will be closing for a short while due to these recent events, but Charlotte Catholic has plans to reopen for Memorial Day weekend.

“I’m never going back to that pool without adult supervision, floaties don’t help at all when your over 60 pounds” said Balbirnie.

We can all learn a valuable lesson from the recent events at the fourth floor pool: don’t go in the pool if you can’t swim, and make sure you are friends with Ryan Barkley. And one more thing… April Fools!